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SUBJECT: Applicant: Xiaoqing Zheng
Serial No: 09/903,313
Filed: July 11, 2001
For: ROTARY FACE SEAL ASSEMBLY
Examiner: Pickard, Alison K.
Group: 3676
Docket No: PKI-167J

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a RESPONSE in reply to the Office Action mailed October 3, 2003, in the subject application. Also enclosed is an Extension of Time Within The Third Month and a check in the amount of \$930.00 for the extension filing fee.

If for any reason this RESPONSE is found to be INCOMPLETE, or if at any time it appears that a TELEPHONE CONFERENCE with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned or his associates, collect in Waltham, Massachusetts (781) 890-5678.

If any payment during prosecution is found to be incorrect, please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to my Deposit Account No. 09-0002. A copy of this letter is enclosed for use by the Finance Branch in the event that it is necessary to make any charge or credit to my deposit account.

In addition, pursuant to Rule 1.136(a)(3), the Office is hereby authorized to treat any future reply requiring an extension of time as incorporating a request therefor. Also, any request or Petition for an Extension of Time notwithstanding an inadvertent reference

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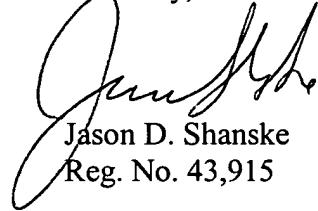
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in the Petition to a shorter period of time is to be treated as requesting the appropriate length of time.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of the foregoing by returning the enclosed self-addressed postcard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason D. Shanske".

Jason D. Shanske
Reg. No. 43,915

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Enclosures